

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Austin Tex Mob 20. 1893

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding  
Roll call present - 21.

Alderman Anderson, Assmann, Fischer, Glass,  
Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller,  
Mitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider,  
Schubel, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Wernoth

absent - 1

Minutes adopted

Absent 1. Alderman Dawson  
The minutes of the meetings of the City Council  
which were held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days of  
November, 1893 were on motion of Alderman  
North adopted as printed in the Statesman.

Petitions, Etc.

A petition from Mr. G. M. Brass was presented  
concerning the true lines of blocks 37 and 38  
complaint having been filed against him in the  
Recorder's Court charging him with placing obstructions  
in the street he having made improvements  
which it is claimed extend out in Sabine street.  
He requests the Council to instruct the recorder to  
defer sentence until the matter can be investigated.

Alderman Linn, moved to refer the petition to the  
Street Committee. Carried.

Alderman Linn then moved that the recorder be requested  
to suspend action in the case until the street committee  
reports to the council in regard to the matter. Adopted.

By Alderman North.

A petition from Rosa Freeman, per attorney  
regarding the payment of taxes and costs on one  
half of lot 33, out-lot 41, division B  
It was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Reports of City Officers

The City Engineer in accordance with a resolution  
recently adopted by the City Council presented an  
estimate of the cost of a stone culvert on West Eleventh  
street at the intersection of Nueces street.

The cost is placed at \$ 587.65

The report was received and filed.

Report of Committee

Alderman Hume for the Committee on Streets and  
Alleys to whom was referred a resolution providing  
for the grading of Brazos street between Ninth and  
Eleventh streets presented a report recommending  
the adoption of the resolution, and the report was  
adopted.

Alderman Linn introduced the following:

To Hon. John McDonald Mayor and the City  
Council of the City of Austin, Gentlemen  
Your financial Committee to whom was referred the resolution of  
Alderman Raymond concerning the investment of  
the sinking fund provided for the payment of the

Referred to st cum

Recorder to suspend  
action

Pet of Rosa Freeman

Referred to Cum on  
Claims & Accts  
City Engineer estimate  
on cost of culvert on  
W Eleventh St

Rept Received & Filed

Res to grade Brazos st

adopted

Rept of Finance Com

Austin Electric light and water bonds at maturity  
beg leave to report as follows.

First.—We find it doubtful in law whether we have the power to invest the dam sinking fund in such of the dam bonds as may not yet have been issued and which are still in the treasury.

We therefore recommend that the sinking fund be not invested in that manner.

Second.—We further find that there is now to the credit of the dam sinking fund the sum of \$26,908.83.

We also find that now and for at least the first six months of the coming year the collection of taxes will make but little progress.

Third.—We further find that on Jan 1, 1894 not less than \$12,025.00, will have to be paid out of said fund for interest on the dam bonds already issued and a further like sum will be due out of said fund on April 1, 1894 making not less than \$24,050.00, and probably more should the balance of the dam bonds be sold.

These payments in view of the slow collection of taxes at this time of the year would nearly exhaust this fund. Hence we recommend that it be held sacred for the purpose for which it was created especially as the sinking fund of next year amounting to about \$99,000.00, will be needed for interest requirements of next year.

Fourth.—We find that some of the 10 per cent bonds of the city will fall due Jan 1, 1894 and if at that time it should be found that the sinking fund would warrant it we would recommend that so much of the sinking fund as it would be safe to use be invested in those maturing bonds but as between now and Jan 1, 1894 a general election takes place in this city we recommend that no immediate action be now taken and that the matter be left to the discretion of the incoming council.

Fifth.—In connection with this it may not be out of place to state that all interest requirements of the city of Austin for the year 1893 have been met and provided for without using the taxes assessed for 1893— and which will become available in 1894.

And as it is vital to the good name of the city that there shall be no doubt cast upon its disposition and ability to meet all its just debts for 1894 we would deprecate any action by this council that would tend to embarrass the incoming council in caring for the finances of the city during its term of office.

Respectfully submitted

Henry A. Lin  
Thomas F. Taylor  
William F. North  
Financial Committee

Rpt-adopted & ordered to  
be printed in full

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed  
in full in the proceedings of the City Council.

Special Com Rpt-

Alderman Raymond for the special Committee to whom was referred the message of the mayor in regard to the rumor that the said water and light bonds had been hypothecated and the advisability of ordering sent back to the city the said water and light bonds presented a report thereon which states that "as to the truth or falsity of the rumor that the bonds had been hypothecated there is nothing in the correspondence submitted to your committee bearing directly upon that matter"

The report sets forth in full section 87 of the city charter which names the duties of the city treasurer the last sentence of which states "He shall receive and keep all money belonging to the city and make all payments of the same upon warrant of the mayor attested by the City Clerk." The report closes as follows. Under the last sentence of this section (87) your Committee is of the opinion that the bonds should be kept in the possession of the city treasurer and we therefore recommend that the bonds be sent for at once and placed in possession of that officer.

After being read the report was referred to the committee for correction.

While the correction was being made new business was taken up

#### New Business

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By Alderman Schneider

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$62.25 for the purpose of reimbursing the chief of the Austin Fire Department. Amount paid out during the recent Cotton fire for labor etc

passed

It was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote.

Year - 21

Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Kelchum, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, North, Platt, Parnell, Raymund, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warruth.

Alderman Dawson entered the council and answered to his name.

The report of the special committee on the message of the mayor was again laid before the council whereupon a motion was made to adopt the same.

Alderman Schneider moved as a substitute that the report be received, adopted.

By Alderman Linn

An Ordinance providing for the payment of estimate No 1 in favor of John F Hart & Co under their contract with the City of Austin dated Oct 10, 1893

Rpt of special com  
on Mayors message

Ord providing for  
payment of Estimate No 1

And making an appropriation of \$3,622.02 therefor,  
 The ordinance was read, after which motions were made  
 to suspend the rules and place the same on its second  
 and third readings and that it do now pass each of  
 which were adopted by the following vote

Yeas 22

Aldermen. Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass  
 Hancock, Harpe, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller,  
 Mischke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schubert  
 Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Alderman. Anderson, was excused from further attendance  
 on the session of the Council.

Res. Mayor to telegraph  
 for bonds

Alderman Linn, introduced a resolution requesting the  
 Mayor to telegraph to the National City Bank of New York  
 requesting the officers of said bank to make affidavit that  
 the 438 Austin Water and electric light bonds are held subject  
 to the order of John McDonald mayor of the city of Austin  
 and to certify under oath whether said bonds are held as  
 collateral for any firm individual or corporation.

After the resolution was read Alderman Linn withdrew it to allow Alderman Raymond to discuss the  
 subject of again taking up the report of the special  
 Committee concerning the bonds. No action was taken  
 regarding the matter. And Alderman Linn again presented  
 the resolution above named and it was adopted.  
 The council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,  
 City Clerk.

Res adopted  
 adjourned